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Ms. Jane Henney, M.D.
FDA Commissioner
Parklawn Building
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Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Ms. Henney:

The Peoria Humane Society is dedicated to the prevention of cruelty to animals. We are deeply concerned about the humane treatment of farm animals and public safety involving food production.

Farmers across the country are routinely administering antibiotics to fatten animals quickly for slaughter. Of the fifty million pounds of antibiotics produced every year in the U.S., 40 percent is administered to animals to promote growth. Disease causing bacteria such as salmonella are becoming resistant to antibiotics. This has been linked to antibiotic resistance in humans.

The Peoria Humane Society strongly urges you to place a ban on the "subtherapeutic" use for farm animals of those antibiotics that may also be used for humans. We look forward to hearing from you about this important issue.

Sincerely,

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